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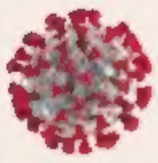

HALF OF INDIA'S BREAKTHROUGH CASES FROM KERALA: REPORT

As many as 87,000 double-jabbed people across the country became reinfected with Covid, of which 46% are from Kerala

80K REINFECTIONS POST 1ST DOSE IN KERALA

Kerala reported close to 80,000 cases of Covid reinfection after the first dose of vaccination, while 40,000 people were infected after the second dose, according to a report. Kerala reported 21,116 new positive cases on Thursday with a high test positivity rate of 16.15%. It also reported 197 deaths, the highest single day toll in the last two months

NUMBERS EXAGGERATED: STATE GOVT

- While the high rate of breakthrough infections (virus affecting fully vaccinated people) in the state have raised concerns about the efficacy of vaccines, an officer of the Kerala health department said the numbers are exaggerated and the number of breakthrough infections reported so far could less than 7,000 | P7

19,246

THE NUMBER OF REPORTED COVID DEATHS IN THE STATE AS OF THURSDAY

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARWAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

Afghan protests spread, Kabul remains chaotic

Two dead in Asadabad as militants fire on crowd; militia tells imams to urge agitators to stand down

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DESPITE the violent crackdown in Jalalabad the previous day, protesters continued to defy the Taliban on Thursday carrying out marches in many places, including capital Kabul.

With protests spreading to more cities, the Taliban asked the country's imams to urge congregants to remain in the country and counter "negative propaganda" against them during Friday's prayers.

On Thursday, two persons were killed as the militants fired on a crowd in Asadabad in the eastern province of Kunar. Gunshots were also heard at a Kabul rally, though no casualty was reported. So far, 12 people have been killed in and around the airport, according to reports.

The scenes in Kabul continued to remain chaotic with crowds thronging the airport gates in a bid to flee the country. In a heart-wrenching incident caught on camera, a small girl was seen hoisted over the airport's high perimeter wall and handed over to a US soldier, showing the desperation of people trying to get out.

Meanwhile, a UN report said the Taliban are intensifying their hunt for people who worked for and collaborated with Nato and US forces. The confidential paper was produced by the Norwegian Centre for Global Analyses, which provides the UN with intelligence information, BBC reported. "The Taliban are arresting and/or threatening to kill or arrest family members of target individuals unless they surrender themselves to the Taliban," the document said. People with positions in the military, police and investigative units are at risk, the report said.

7K civilians evacuated so far: US

US military has taken 7,000 civilians out of Afghanistan since August 14, Maj. Gen. Hank Taylor said, adding that there are enough planes to get 5,000-9,000 people out a day

US President Joe Biden, who is widely panned for pulling out his troops without ensuring the safety of civilians, said in an interview the Taliban have not changed but are going through an 'existential crisis' about whether they want legitimacy on the global stage as they have taken over Afghanistan. P12

A porter pushes a wheelbarrow carrying an Afghan woman and her son as they enter Pakistan through the Chaman border crossing on Thursday | AP

Not sure if Taliban really care about global recognition: Biden

US President Joe Biden said he's not sure if the Taliban want to be recognized by the international community. He added that US forces will remain until all Americans were evacuated, even if it meant staying past the August 31 deadline for withdrawal

Af situation worrying: Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday said the recent events in Afghanistan have heightened global concerns over terrorism and that terror groups like the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed continue to operate with impunity. He was speaking at the United Nations Security Council | P9

SC collegium okays six more permanent judges for K'taka HC

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THE Supreme Court collegium has approved the proposal for appointment of six additional judges of the Karnataka High Court as permanent judges. The collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, approved the appointments at the meeting held on Tuesday.

Those who have been cleared for appointment as permanent judges in the high court are Justices N S Sanjay Gowda, Jyoti Mulimani, Nataraj Rangaswamy, Hemant Chandangoudar, Pradeep Singh Yerur and M Nagaprasanna. While five of them had taken oath as additional judges on November 11, 2019, Justice M Nagaprasanna took oath a fortnight later, on November 26, 2019.

The sanctioned strength of Karnataka High Court is 62, including 47 permanent judges and 15 additional judges. Presently, the working strength is 47, including 28 permanent judges and 19 additional judges. There are 15 vacancies in the High Court.

The total strength of the permanent judges will rise to 34 if the President confirms the appointments. After the nod from the President's office, the Ministry of Justice will formally issue a notification appointing them as permanent judges.

Justice NS Sanjay Gowda

Justice Jyoti Mulimani

Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar

Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur

Justice M Nagaprasanna

RSS BODY PLANS STIR ON MSP LEGISLATION

The Bharatiya Kisan Sangh on Thursday said it will stage a nationwide agitation on September 8 to press for 'remunerative price' to farmers for their produce | P9

K'taka House to meet from Sept 13

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The Karnataka legislature will meet for 10 days from September 13 to 24 in Bengaluru, the state cabinet decided on Thursday. This will be the first legislature session after the new government, led by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, took charge. The previous session concluded on March 24.

FULL REPORT: P4

JAB-O-METER — TAKE YOUR SHOT

August 18	48,81,588 doses
August 19	48,84,440 doses

TOTAL DOSES: 57,16,71,264

NATIONWIDE	AUG 18	AUG 19
Fresh cases	35,178	36,401
Recoveries	37,169	39,157
Deaths	440	530

KARNATAKA	AUG 18	AUG 19
Fresh cases	1,365	1,432
Recoveries	1,558	1,538
Deaths	22	27

HC orders CBI probe into heinous crimes in Bengal post-poll violence

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IN what was seen as a moral blow to the Mamata government in West Bengal, a five-judge bench of the Calcutta High Court on Thursday unanimously ordered a CBI probe into heinous cases of murder, rape and crime against women during the widespread post-poll violence in the state, observing there were 'definite and proved' allegations that complaints of the victims were not even initially registered by the state police.

The court set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising three IPS officers of the West Bengal cadre to investigate other complaints of post-poll violence. The officers are Suman Bala Sahoo, Soumen Mitra and Ranveer Kumar. The proceeding shall be monitored by a retired judge of the Supreme Court. The court restrained the state government from taking any adverse action against those who will work with the SIT without permission.

A committee set up by the National Human Rights Commission to look into the alleged post-poll violence had recommended a CBI probe into grievous offences and suggested conducting trials of these cases out of Bengal. But the bench decided against shifting the trial outside Bengal.

"All the cases where, as per the report of the Committee, the allegations are about murder of a person and crime against women regarding rape/attempt to rape, shall be referred to CBI for investigation. The Committee, NHRC, and other Commission or Authority and the State shall immediately hand over entire record of the cases entrusted to the CBI for investigation. It is made clear that it shall be a court-monitored investigation," the order said.

The bench also directed the state government to provide immediate compensation for those whose properties were damaged in the post-poll violence. CONTINUED ON: P10

Lack of tolerance

Justice Soumen Sen said the necessity to appoint CBI was the core issue. "The majority's lack of willingness to exercise oversight and lack of tolerance to accept different views in a democracy often lead to oppression on minority and shake foundation of good governance," he said

EXPRESS READ

FB took action on 31.5 mn pieces of hate content

New Delhi: Facebook took action against 31.5 million pieces of content for hate speech in the Q2, and the prevalence of such content on the platform declined to five views for every 10,000 content views globally, the firm said in a report. The statistics are part of Facebook's Community Standards Enforcement Report for the second quarter of 2021. P9

Guj HC stays few sections in anti-conversion law

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat High Court on Thursday stayed the operation of some sections related to interfaith marriages of the state's new anti-conversion law. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Biren Vaishnav said the interim order has been passed to protect people from unnecessary harassment. P10

PANDEMIC EFFECT

Bengaluru sees surge in children trafficked for labour

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

INDICATING a surge in the number of children being brought to Bengaluru for labour, a total of 101 minors, including nine girls, have been rescued by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) at various stations across the Bengaluru Railway Division in just one month. More than half of those rescued are young boys from Bihar.

The data for the period from July 17 to August 18 takes into account children rescued by the 'Nanhe Farishtey' team, a special unit of the RPF, to counter child trafficking on railway premises, and the Shakti teams constituted for women's safety. A senior railway source said, "The maximum number of 56 children have been brought from Bihar, followed by 15 children from different parts of Karnataka and 12 from Uttar Pradesh. The kids from Bihar initially told us that they came to study at madrasas in the State, but when we cross-checked, we found out that these centres were closed due to the Covid pandemic. After much convincing, the kids later revealed that they were promised good jobs in Bengaluru."

The children also hail from Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu, but in fewer numbers. P7

Total children rescued in one month

101

NATIVE STATES OF THE CHILDREN:

Bihar: **56**
Karnataka: 15
Uttar Pradesh: **12**
West Bengal: **7**
MP, Assam, Odisha: **2 each**
Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Rajasthan & Tamil Nadu: **1 each**

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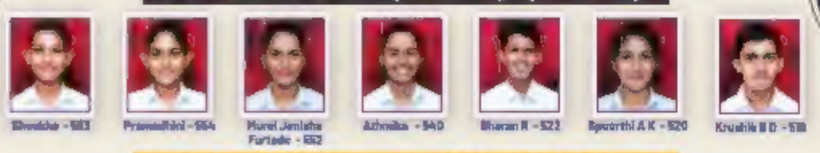

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